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Warwick woman in double shooting had troubled history

Cheryl Ann Donnelly, 38, who police say killed her child and herself, was scheduled for a divorce hearing today.

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A Warwick woman with a history of psychiatric problems fatally shot her young daughter and herself in a cottage on Cape Cod on Monday, just two days before she was scheduled to appear in a Rhode Island courtroom for a hearing in her pending divorce.

Law enforcement and court officials confirmed yesterday that Cheryl Ann Donnelly, 38, and Jenna Lynne Donnelly, 4, of 98 Harrop Ave., were the victims of what the authorities are calling an apparent murder-suicide.

"It appears as if it was murder-

suicide," Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O'Keefe said outside the Glendon Beach Cottages in Dennisport where the bodies were found on Monday afternoon.

O'Keefe told reporters that Donnelly, whom he did not identify, killed her child and herself with a handgun that the police found inside the cottage a short distance from Nantucket Sound. Donnelly and her daughter had apparently checked into cottage No. 97 at the Glendon Beach Cottages on Saturday.

The police were called by the owner of the cottage at about 1:30

p.m. on Monday to check on the occupants, Dennis police Capt. William Monahan told the Cape Cod Times, according to the Associated Press. He said that the weekend's strong winds may explain why the gunshots were not reported.

The Donnellys drove to Cape Cod in a white Ford Taurus registered to Cheryl Donnelly.

A review of court files in Kent County Family Court reveal that Donnelly had filed for divorce in November 2005 from her husband, Bernard E. Donnelly. In the divorce petition, Cheryl Donnelly cited "irreconcilable differences which have caused the irremediable breakdown of the mar-



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This cottage in Dennisport on Cape Cod is where the police say Cheryl Donnelly, of Warwick, fatally shot her daughter, Jenna Lynne Donnelly, then herself on Monday.

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CAMPAIGN 2006

For general treasurer

Caprio: Pension fund needs thorough review

BY AMANDA MILKOVITS
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

PROVIDENCE — Democratic state Sen. Frank T. Caprio has been running for the general treasurer's seat as if he's been surrounded by contenders—although he's had the field all to himself for all but the last few months.

Since the financial lawyer from Federal Hill filed to run in March 2005, his campaign has been a well-financed media blitz. In a few months, he had TV commercials, a cable TV spot, a Web site and Internet TV, where viewers could see videos of Caprio depicting him as a family man dedicated to public service and hear him explain his ideas for the treasurer's office.

Caprio talks about disclosing state spending on-line and improving the performance of the state pension fund. The media campaign was also meant to convey a different message: that Caprio

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Democratic state Sen. Frank T. Caprio is a Providence financial lawyer. He has run a well-financed media campaign.



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Republican Andrew Lyon III, of Cumberland, works as a mortgage specialist. It is his second run for the general treasurer's office.

Lyon: Let the public see pension details

BY AMANDA MILKOVITS
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

WARWICK — The Republican candidate for general treasurer, whom few Rhode Islanders have heard about, is running for one of the most important state jobs that virtually no one is talking about.

And both matters are frustrating to Cumberland resident Andrew M. Lyon III, 42, an assistant vice president/underwriting manager at BankUnited's Warwick office.

This is Lyon's second campaign for general treasurer. He is running on his experience in the banking industry over the last 17 years and campaigning on the same issues he did in

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In Senate race, sharp differences on war

Sen. Lincoln D. Chafee and Sheldon Whitehouse both are critics of the Iraq war, but don't agree on a course.

BY JOHN MULLIGAN
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WASHINGTON — On Oct. 10, 2002, Sen. Lincoln D. Chafee cast the only Republican vote against a measure to let President Bush use military force in Iraq.

Democratic Senate candidate Sheldon Whitehouse first spoke out against the Iraq war last year after he began his cam-

aign for Chafee's seat. Whitehouse has said he would have voted as Chafee did — against the war measure that passed the Senate with a large bipartisan majority four years ago.

Behind this appearance of agreement on the leading issue of this election year, Chafee and Whitehouse differ sharply on key aspects of the war. They attack each other even more

sharply. Whitehouse accuses Chafee of being "extremely quiet" on the war and of seeming to be "satisfied" to have Donald H. Rumsfeld as secretary of defense.

Chafee says Whitehouse's long silence on the war suggests that — like such Democrats as Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York — Whitehouse might have been an early supporter. He accuses Whitehouse of "flipping" in his on-and-off em-

brace of hard deadlines for bringing U.S. troops home from Iraq.

In an interview last week, Whitehouse said he did not speak out against the war in 2002 because "it was not an issue" in his race for governor that year. He said he spoke out "when people took an interest in what I had to say" after he became a Senate candidate in the spring of 2005. Whitehouse said

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Iraqi orders U.S. forces to stand aside

Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki has American troops remove checkpoints that were limiting access to a key Shiite neighborhood in Baghdad.

BY KIRK SEMPLE
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDAD — Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki demanded the removal of American checkpoints from the streets of Baghdad yesterday, in what appeared to be his latest and boldest gambit in an increasingly tense struggle for more independence from his American protectors.

Maliki's public declaration seemed at first to catch American commanders off guard. But by nightfall, American troops had abandoned all the

positions in eastern and central Baghdad that they had set up last week with Iraqi forces as part of a search for a missing American soldier. The checkpoints had been blamed for snarling traffic and disrupting daily life and commerce throughout the eastern part of the city.

The withdrawal was greeted with jubilation in the streets of Sadr City, the densely populated Shiite enclave where the Americans have focused their

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Roger Williams critic speaks out

Dr. Philip O'Dowd, who pressed for the prosecution of Robert Urciuoli, faults then-Attorney General Sheldon Whitehouse for not more aggressively pursuing the ex-hospital chief on corruption charges.

BY MIKE STANTON
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The doctor who blew the whistle on Robert Urciuoli's expense-account abuses at Roger Williams Medical Center yesterday criticized Sheldon Whitehouse for not doing more to investigate and prosecute the matter.

Dr. Philip O'Dowd said that he met three times with Whitehouse, then the Rhode Island

attorney general, in the fall of 1999 and presented him with documents regarding possible crimes by Urciuoli, the hospital's president.

But rather than investigate, O'Dowd said, Whitehouse told him that the matter would best be handled civilly because hospital leaders did not want to press criminal charges.

O'Dowd, who was a Roger Williams Medical Center

SEE **CRITIC, A4**

Station lawyer releases e-mails with prosecutor

The messages between defense lawyer Kathleen M. Hagerty and prosecutor William J. Ferland center on possible plea agreements for the nightclub owners.

BY TRACY BRETON
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Kathleen M. Hagerty, a lawyer for the owners of The Station nightclub where 100 people died in a 2003 fire, yesterday lashed out at Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch, who she said was lying about his office's handling of the criminal cases

against her clients.

Lynch's handling of the Station fire case and the plea agreement for Jeffrey and Michael Derderian has become the focal point of his reelection campaign against republican J. William W. Harsch.

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North Korea agrees to resume nuclear disarmament talks, the first sign of easing tensions since the country's nuclear test last month. **A2**

CELTICS PREVIEW

The Boston Celtics will feature two new point guards and a black shamrock emblem with the name RED on their uniform when they open their season tonight against New Orleans at the TD Banknorth Garden. **C1**



DILBERT SPEAKS

Cartoonist Scott Adams, the creator of Dilbert, appears to be a rare example of someone who has largely recovered from spasmodic dysphonia, a mysterious disease in which parts of the brain controlling speech shut down or go haywire. **G7**

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